GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department - Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri P. Ravi Babu, Forest Section Officer (Retd.), formerly worked at Punganur Section & Range, Chittoor West Division, Chittoor of Ananthapuram Circle, under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 read with Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Inquiry Conducted - Further action dropped besides treating the suspension period from 13.03.2020 to 04.09.2020 as 'ON DUTY' – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 115 **Dated: 01-09-2025**

Read:-

From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri, Letter Ref.No.14250/2018/A&DC-1, dated 07.07.2025.

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ORDER:

In the letter read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri has informed that, the following Article of Charge was issued to Sri P. Ravi Babu, Forest Section Officer, earlier worked in Punganur Section & Range, Chittoor West Division, Chittoor of Ananthapuram Circle by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force vide Ref.No.14250/ 2020/Vig-1(vi), dated 28.05.2021, under Rule 24 r/w Rule 20 of A.P.Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991:-

> ***Article:****"That, the said Sri P. Ravi Babu, Forest Section Officer being a member of Joint Inspection Team has not followed the orders of the Hon'ble High Court for a detailed survey and made partial survey in a manner to favour the private mine owner/company i.e., M/s. Vyshnavi Exports and signed in the Joint Inspection Report that the mining area falls outside Reserve Forest without taking up the survey work from Station No.74 to 136, where quarry works are going on, and thus failed to protect the valuable Forest Wealth and violated Rule 3 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 and also violated A.P. Forest Act, 1967 and Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Hence, the charge".*

2. The Charged Officer has acknowledged the receipt of Article of Charge on 17.06.2021 and submitted his written defense statement on 06.10.2021. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force has appointed the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuram Circle as Common Inquiry Officer and the Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor (West) Division, Chittoor as Presenting Officer in Proc.No.14250/2018/Vig-1(i&ii), dated 23.11.2021, for conducting the regular enquiry. Subsequently, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force has re-appointed the Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife Management Circle, Tirupati as Common Inquiry Officer vide Proc.No.14250/2018/Vig-1, dated 24.03.2022.

3. The Inquiry Officer & Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife Management Circle, Tirupati has completed the inquiry and submitted his findings vide Rc.No.APCFW/311/2021/M4, dated 10.06.2024 wherein, the Inquiry Officer has concluded as follows:

> ***Findings:****"On the basis of connected records, record of enquiry and oral evidence adduced in the case before him and in view of the reasons stated above, it is found beyond reasonable doubt that there is no supervisory lapse on the part of the charged officer.*

P.T.O.

Hence, it is concluded that the charge framed against Sri P. Ravi Babu, Forest Section Officer (Retired), earlier Forest Section Officer, Punganur Section, Punganur Range, Chittoor West Division, Chittoor is held ***not proved".***

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force has communicated the findings of the Inquiry Officer to the Charged Officer vide Ref.No.14250/2018/A&DC-1(ii), dated 12.09.2024. The Charged Officer has acknowledged the same and submitted his written representation, dated 12.05.2025 wherein, he has requested to drop further action basing on the findings of the Inquiry Officer.

5. The disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980, since the Charged Officer has retired from Government service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.10.2021.

6. After careful examination of the matter with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer and written representation submitted by the Charged Officer, Government have decided to drop further action in the disciplinary proceedings besides treating the suspension period from 13.03.2020 to 04.09.2020 as 'ON DUTY' against Sri P. Ravi Babu, Forest Section Officer (Retd.), formerly worked at Punganur Section & Range, Chittoor West Division, Chittoor of Ananthapuram Circle, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, since the charge framed against the Charged Officer was held not proved in the inquiry.

7. Accordingly, Government hereby order to drop further action in the disciplinary proceedings besides treating the suspension period from 13.03.2020 to 04.09.2020 as 'ON DUTY' against Sri P. Ravi Babu, Forest Section Officer (Retd.), formerly worked at Punganur Section & Range, Chittoor West Division, Chittoor of Ananthapuram Circle, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri shall take necessary further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri P. Ravi Babu, Forest Section Officer (Retd.), formerly worked at Punganur Section & Range, Chittoor West Division, Chittoor of Ananthapuram Circle **through** the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri.

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SECTION OFFICER